

## Message Text

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ACTION SS-25

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O R 091700Z MAR 78  
FM AMEMBASSY PARIS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8424  
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AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
AMEMBASSY DAKAR

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(CORRECTED COPY - ADDING SECSTATE AS ACTION ADDEE)

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, MO, FR  
SUBJECT: MOROCCAN ARMS REQUEST

REF: (A) STATE 57412; (B) STATE 60398

1. EMBOFF INFORMED QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR NORTH AFRICA (D'ALBIS) OF SUBSTANCE OF REF (A) MARCH 9. D'ALBIS WAS CLEARLY DISAPPOINTED BY US POSITION AND WENT INTO LENGTHY EXPLANATION OF FRENCH VIEW.

2. D'ALBIS SAID FRENCH WERE DEEPLY CONCERNED BY THE DISPROPORTION BETWEEN THE MILITARY STRENGTHS OF MOROCCO AND ALGERIA, AND HAD HOPED US ASSISTANCE TO MOROCCO WOULD HELP TO BALANCE THIS DISPROPORTION OVER A PERIOD OF 2-3 YEARS. D'ALBIS EXPLAINED THAT

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FRENCH DO NOT REPEAT NOT CONSIDER A MILITARY CONFRONTATION BETWEEN MOROCCO AND ALGERIA LIKELY IN THE SHORT TERM. BOTH SIDES REALIZE THAT INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL SITUATION WOULD NOT BE FAVORABLE, AND THAT A SERIOUS MILITARY LOSS COULD MEAN A CHANGE IN POLITICAL LEADERSHIP IN EITHER COUNTRY. NEVERTHELESS, FRENCH BELIEVE BOUMEDIENNE'S SINGLE-MINDED DETERMINA-

TION TO TAKE OVER THE SAHARA COULD LEAD TO MILITARY  
CONFRONTATION OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS, AND IT  
IS AGAINST THIS POSSIBILITY THAT THEY HAD HOPED TO  
SEE US ASSISTANCE TO MOROCCO. D'ALBIS MADE A POINT  
OF STRESSING SEVERAL TIMES DURING MEETING DEEP FRENCH  
UNHAPPINESS OVER US DECISION.  
HARTMAN

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